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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re CIP Patent Application of:  
Bruce Gregory WARREN et al.

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Application No.: 10/617,148

Examiner: Kevin D. Mew

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Art Unit: 2664

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL  
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, for which a response was due on March 29, 2005, and for which a two-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for reply from March 29, 2005 to May 31, 2005 (the first business day following May 29, 2005), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

### **SPECIFICATION**

       There are no amendments to the specification.

### **CLAIMS**

       There are no amendments to the claims.

  X   A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.